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43. (Amended) The method of claim [24] 26 wherein providing the host includes providing a host for automatically changing information based on a criterion.

44. (Amended) The method of claim [24] 26 wherein providing the host includes providing a host for searching for information based on a criterion.

45. (Amended) The method of claim [24] 26 wherein providing the host includes providing a host for identifying individuals who modify stored information.

46. (Amended) The method of claim [24] 26 wherein providing the host includes providing a host for controlling access to the system for changing information stored in the system.

#### REMARKS

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Copies of the claims as they will be after entry of these amendments are enclosed on separate pages. Consideration of the claims, leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance, is respectfully requested.

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3. A dispatch management system for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the system including a host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, the information including a time stamp for indicating when a transaction is ordered by a customer.

2. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the at least one terminal includes at least one order entry terminal.

4. A dispatch management system for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the system including a host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, the information including the status of the order.

5. A dispatch management system for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the system including a host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, the information including whether placement of the order by the customer is complete.

6. A dispatch management system for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the system including a host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, the information including whether the vehicle can be driven.

7. A dispatch management system for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the system including a host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, the information including whether the vehicle must be towed.

8. A dispatch management system for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the system including a host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, the information including whether a key for operating the vehicle is available.

9. A dispatch management system for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the system including a host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, and apparatus for at least one of generating machine-readable code and scanning machine-readable code for at least one of correlating vehicle information and updating vehicle information.

10. A dispatch management system for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the system including a host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, and apparatus for creating at least one of a waybill, a bill of lading, an invoice, and an identifier for the vehicle.

11. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the at least one terminal is coupled to the host for the entry of an order by a customer.

12. A dispatch management system for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the system including a host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, the information on the status of a vehicle including at least one of: a transaction number; a waybill number; who authorized the order; who placed the order; the orderer's account number; the orderer's reference for the transaction; where the vehicle is located; where the vehicle is to be delivered; when the order was sent to dispatch; when a driver was dispatched to pick up the vehicle; the driver's identity; the vehicle's identity; information on the vehicle's fuel; information on the vehicle's lubricant; vehicle odometer data at the point of origin; vehicle odometer data at the destination; when the vehicle was delivered to the destination; the identity of the recipient; and, the dispatch status of the vehicle.

13. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the vehicle's identity includes at least one of: a vehicle identification number; the year of the vehicle; the make of the vehicle; the model of the vehicle; and, the color of the vehicle.

14. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the terminal for the entry of an order for the dispatch of the vehicle includes a terminal for updating the dispatch status of the vehicle.

15. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the information on the status of the vehicle includes the assignment of a driver for collection of the vehicle.

16. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the terminal for the entry of an order for the dispatch of the vehicle includes a terminal for at least one of generating order confirmation and transmitting order confirmation.

17. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein at least one of the host and the terminal includes means for generating at least one of statistics and reports from information collected by the system.

18. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the host includes information from which a driver can be assigned.

19. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the host includes a host for at least one of creating a visual indication based on a criterion and displaying a visual indication based on a criterion.

20. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the host includes a host for automatically changing information based on a criterion.

21. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the host includes a host for searching for information based on a criterion.

22. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the host includes a host for identifying individuals who modify stored information.

23. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the host includes a host for controlling access to the system for changing information stored in the system.

26. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, maintaining the information including placing a time stamp on a transaction when the transaction is ordered by a customer.

25. The method of claim 26 wherein providing at least one terminal includes providing at least one order entry terminal.

27. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, maintaining the information including maintaining the status of the order.

28. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, maintaining the information including determining whether placement of the order by a customer is complete.

29. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, maintaining the information including maintaining information concerning whether the vehicle can be driven.

30. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, maintaining the information including maintaining information concerning whether the vehicle must be towed.

31. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, maintaining the information including maintaining information concerning whether a key for operating the vehicle is available.

32. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, including at least one of generating machine-readable code and scanning machine-readable code for at least one of correlating vehicle information and updating vehicle information.

33. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, and creating at least one of a waybill, a bill of lading, an invoice, and an identifier for the vehicle.

34. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, providing the at least one terminal coupled to the host including providing at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order by a customer.

35. A method for maintaining information on the status of vehicles, the method including providing a dispatch management system host, and at least one terminal coupled to the host for the entry of an order for the dispatch of a vehicle, maintaining information on the status of a vehicle including maintaining at least one of: a transaction number; a waybill number; who authorized the order; who placed the order; the orderer's account number; the orderer's reference for the transaction; where the vehicle is located; where the vehicle is to be delivered; when the order was sent to dispatch; when a driver was dispatched to pick up the vehicle; the driver's identity; the vehicle's identity; information on

the vehicle's fuel; information on the vehicle's lubricant; vehicle odometer data at the point of origin; vehicle odometer data at the destination; when the vehicle was delivered to the destination; the identity of the recipient; and, the dispatch status of the vehicle.

36. The method of claim 35 wherein providing the vehicle's identity includes providing at least one of: a vehicle identification number; the year of the vehicle; the make of the vehicle; the model of the vehicle; and, the color of the vehicle.

37. The method of claim 35 wherein providing the terminal for the entry of an order for the dispatch of the vehicle includes providing a terminal for updating the dispatch status of the vehicle.

38. The method of claim 26 wherein providing the information on the status of the vehicle includes providing the assignment of a driver for collection of the vehicle.

39. The method of claim 26 wherein providing the terminal for the entry of an order for the dispatch of the vehicle includes providing a terminal for at least one of generating order confirmation and transmitting order confirmation.

40. The method of claim 26 wherein providing at least one of the host and the terminal includes generating at least one of statistics and reports from information collected by the system.

41. The method of claim 26 wherein providing the host includes providing information from which a driver can be assigned.

42. The method of claim 26 wherein providing the host includes providing a host for at least one of creating a visual indication based on a criterion and displaying a visual indication based on a criterion.

43. The method of claim 26 wherein providing the host includes providing a host for automatically changing information based on a criterion.

44. The method of claim 26 wherein providing the host includes providing a host for searching for information based on a criterion.

45. The method of claim 26 wherein providing the host includes providing a host for identifying individuals who modify stored information.

46. The method of claim 26 wherein providing the host includes providing a host for controlling access to the system for changing information stored in the system.